IN THE LINETED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takiguchi, et al Group Art Unit: 2626

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Title: SPEECH RECOGNITION DEVICE, 3173 Cedar Road

SPEECH RECOGNITION METHOD, Yorktown Hts, NY 10598

COMPUTER-EXECUTABLE PROGRAM

FOR CAUSING COMPUTER TO EXECUTE

RECOGNITION METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2008 for the above-referenced application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following:

Amendments to the claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2; and

Remarks which begin on page 9.